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SUBJ: GERMAN LOAN TO PORTUGAL

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1. GERMAN EMBASSY CONFIRMS THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED ON \$250 MILLION LOAN ANNOUNCED DURING VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER TO PORTUGAL. SWISS CENTRAL BANK IS SIMULTANEOUSLY GRANTING THREE-MONTH GOLD-SECURED LOAN OF \$50 MILLION, RENEWABLE FOR THREE ADDITIONAL PERIODS OF THREE MONTHS. VALUE OF GOLD PLEDGED AS GUARANTEE REPORTEDLY SET VERY NEAR CURRENT LONDON PRICE. PORTUGUESE DISCUSSIONS FOR RENEWAL, AND POSSIBLE INCREASE, OF BANK OF INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENTS (BIS) \$250 MILLION LOAN HAVE NOT BEEN CONCLUDED.

2. GERMAN-PORTUGUESE BILATERAL COMMISSIONS WILL MEET DURING COMING MONTHS TO DISCUSS FURTHER GERMAN ASSISTANCE AND POSSIBILITIES FOR PRIVATE GERMAN INVESTMENT IN PORTUGAL.

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3. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
EMBASSIES BONN AND BERN MAY DEVELOP ON INTEREST RATES AND
GOLD PRICES FOR LOANS FROM GERMAN AND SWISS CENTRAL BANKS,
AS WELL AS ON PORTUGUESE DISCUSSIONS WITH BIS.
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